



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
NOBORU ENDO, et al. : EXAMINER : KUMAR, V.
SERIAL NO: 10/553,124 :
FILED: OCTOBER 14, 2005 : ART UNIT: 1638
FOR: GENE CAPABLE OF IMPARTING SALT STRESS RESISTANCE

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2007, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 15 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this response.